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FROM: DEAN O'BRIEN
(COSTLOW)

Ph. 406 293 6389

Additional information for
your review.

Please note: I was married in
August '04 + changed my last name
from Costlow to my wife's (O'Brien)

Previous info would be under Costlow

Address: 610 Dakota Ave.

Libby MT 59923

P.S. Feel free to discuss this issue
w/ my wife Rebecca if I'm not
available.

Thanks, Dean



Governor Brian Schweitzer

Montana**Department of Labor and Industry
Business Standards Division**

January 20, 2005

DEAN O'BRIEN
610 DAKOTA AVE
LIBBY MT 59923

RE: Complaint # 2004-053-RRE

Dear Mr. O'Brien:

On January 19, 2005 the Screening Panel for the Board of Realty Regulation met to review the above-entitled complaint you filed against Mr. Bob Beagle.

The Screening Panel voted to dismiss the complaint without prejudice. In dismissing this complaint without prejudice, the Screening Panel may revisit and/or take action on this complaint in the future if a similar complaint is received.

Please be advised that the Screening Panel's decision does not reflect on the merits of this case as it may be presented in other forums, and the decision does not preclude you from seeking other remedies.

Thank you for your cooperation in the complaint process. Should you have any questions, please contact me at 406-841-2336.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Teri Ray".

Teri Ray
Compliance Specialist

Denny Rehberg
State of Montana

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January 11, 2005

Mr. Dean H. O'Brien
610 Dakota Avenue
Libby, Montana 59923

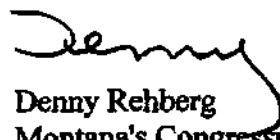
Dear Dean:

Thank you for contacting my office regarding vermiculite in soil in Libby, Montana.

I will be glad to assist you in every way I can. I have contacted the appropriate officials to express my interest on your behalf, and I will be back in touch with you as soon as I receive a response.

In the meantime please feel free to contact my representative, Marti Dalson-Kentzel, in my Great Falls District Office. The address and phone number are below.

Sincerely,



Denny Rehberg
Montana's Congressman

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8EPR-ER

August 22, 2002

Mr. Dean Costlow
610 Dakota
Libby, Montana 59923

Subject: Priority List for Amphibole Asbestos-Contaminated Properties to be Cleaned Up .

Dear Mr. Costlow:

The purpose of this letter is to respond to your August 17, 2002 letter sent to Paul Peronard (EPA - Project Manager for the Libby Asbestos Site) in regards to your property that has not been included for the cleanup this year. On May 31, 2002, representatives of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) conducted a screening and sampling of your property in conjunction with our ongoing investigation of the Libby Asbestos Site.

Currently, EPA is focusing on cleaning up approximately fifty of the worst residential and commercial properties in Libby which are vastly and severely contaminated with amphibole asbestos. At this time, EPA will give priority to properties with multiple exposure pathways, high amphibole asbestos concentrations, or a current condition or activity (e.g. remodeling) that may produce high airborne asbestos fibers levels.

Subsequently, in May 2002, EPA has begun a systematic sampling of all properties in the Libby area. The purpose of this initial assessment was to determine if there were potential Libby amphibole asbestos sources present on or near your property and to prioritize future cleanup and investigation. This comprehensive and massive screening of more than 3,000 residential and commercial properties in the Lincoln County should be completed by the end of November 2002. Data collected, including your property, is being evaluated. If your property becomes a candidate for cleanup, you will be notified well in advance of the actual cleanup date.



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY****REGION 8****999 18TH STREET - SUITE 500****DENVER, CO 80202-2466****<http://www.epa.gov/region08>****Ref: 8EPR-SR****Mr. Dean Costlow****PO Box 523****Libby, MT 59923****Dear Mr. Costlow:**

In your recent letter, you asked for an update on the clean up scheduled for your property, as well as guidance for working with your new washer and dryer connections under your home.

As I mentioned in my letter dated December 27, 2002, we are working to systematically identify properties for clean up based on risk, location, amount and type of contamination, as well as other factors. We are currently targeting homes with interior contamination only. As the weather changes, we will begin addressing properties with exterior contamination as well. As we identify properties for our next stage of removals, a schedule will be developed. When your property is placed on the removal schedule, you will be notified 2 to 4 weeks before the clean up date. At that time, we will talk about the various options possible for addressing the vermiculite under your house.

The EPA encourages residents to avoid disturbing the material and to wait until the EPA can perform a clean up, but we know that it is sometimes impossible to so. The draft guidance and that I provided with my previous letter addressed working in and around vermiculite. I hope that will assist you with your decisions regarding the plumbing under your home.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me in Denver at 1-800-227-8917 x6748. Thank you for your patience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Jim Christiansen", is written over the typed name.

**Jim Christiansen
Remedial Project Manager**

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July 22, 2003

Dean Costlow
610 Dakota Avenue
Libby, MT 59923

Dear Mr. Costlow,

On June 26, 2003, a structural engineer from CDM visited your property to document the current conditions of the foundation and provide recommendations for future action. Per your request, I have attached a copy of site visit documentation.

This is not a formal structural evaluation, nor is it the definitive plan for addressing your property. Instead, this document is an internal CDM document drafted to assist in planning the clean up approach at your property. The next step will be to evaluate the options for cleaning your property, and work with you to identify what your role as the homeowner will be in the upcoming work.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the EPA Information Center, 406-293-6194.

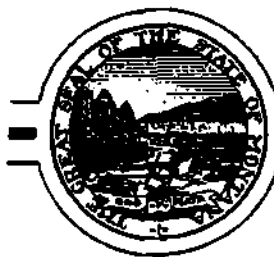
Thank you,

Courtney Zamora
USDOT - Volpe Center
Site Manager

Attachment

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JUDY MARTZ
GOVERNOR

GAIL GRAY, ELD.
DIRECTOR

STATE OF MONTANA

Dean H. Costlow
610 Dakota Avenue
Libby, Montana 59923

June 24, 2004

Dear Mr. Costlow,

I am writing in response to your letter of June 18, 2004 when you expressed a concern about asbestos exposure for you and your family. I have also read the letter that you wrote to the Western News in October of last year. There is no doubt that if you had continued to expose yourself and your family to the vermiculite there is the potential for harm. However, since the vermiculite was identified early and you have ended the exposure the risk for you or your family is most likely very small to non-existent. Although there are no guarantees in life and no one can say for certain that the risk to you and your family is zero, based on the information that you have provided me, it is my medical opinion that you and your family can get on with your life and put this behind you. I must say however that it is still important to be sure that you and your family do not expose yourselves to the vermiculite on your property. I want to encourage you to seal off access to the contaminated soil so that your child and others do not have contact with it until it can be removed. If you have further questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mike Spence".

Michael R. Spence, MD, MPH
Chief Medical Officer

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August 16, 2004

Mr. Dean Costlow
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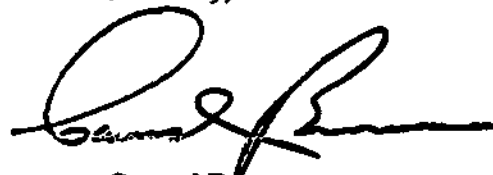
Dear Dean:

Thank you for contacting me and sharing your experience with exposure to asbestos in Libby. I appreciate hearing from you on this very important matter.

Dean, I read the letter to the editor you submitted to your local paper, and have contacted the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on your behalf. For real estate sales, disclosure is the responsibility of the seller. The EPA works closely with area realtors to provide sampling results and cleanup status if it is requested. The EPA has also screened approximately 3500 properties in Libby, and these results are available to homeowners, but individual results were not sent to homeowners. If you would like more information, I recommend you contact Jim Christiansen with the EPA to determine the best course of action for you and your family. He may be reached via email at christiansen.jim@epa.gov or by phone at (303) 312-6748.

Thank you for sharing your concerns with me, and I encourage you to contact me again about this or any other issue.

Sincerely,



Conrad Burns
United States Senator

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